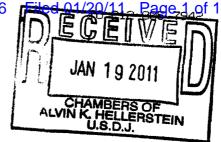
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The Hon. Alvin K. Hellerstein Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 1050 New York, NY 10007



Re: Am. Civil Liberties Union v. Dep't of Def., No. 1:04-CV-4151

Dear Judge Hellerstein,

At a status conference on January 14, 2011, the Court provided for the parties to submit additional briefing on the question of contempt, and it proposed that the parties do so by filing a total of six briefs in parallel. The parties have conferred and jointly submit that the issue of contempt may be addressed in a total of three briefs, with Plaintiffs initiating the briefing on February 4, 2011, Defendant Central Intelligence Agency responding on February 25, 2011, and Plaintiffs replying on March 4, 2011. The parties respectfully seek the Court's approval of this modified briefing schedule.

Respectfully submitted

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